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Dated 20-10-52

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Archaeology - Reconstruction and rejuvenation of archaeological assets at Hump[illegible] etc. - Papers - Recorded.

Endt. X.N. Dis. No.

Governor's Secretariat,
Raj Bhavan,
Guindy, Madras 22,
Dated: 21-3-52

* Transferred to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, Madras 9, for disposal. The communication has been acknowledged.

* with copies of letters.

(By order of H.E. the Governor)

for SECRETARY TO H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

Copy of letter dated 15-3-52 from Professor S.Kesava Iyengar, Retired Economic Adviser, Hyderabad (Dn) Government, "Seetha Manohari" University Road, Hyderabad-Deccan to the Secretary to H.E. the Governor of Madras.

Sub: Resuscitation of Vijayanagar.

Dear Sir,

By separate registered post I send a copy of the December 1951 Number of the "Hyderabad Government Bulletin on Economic Affairs" which contains an Editorial Note by me on this subject. I approached the President of India and the Education Minister of the Central Government to take the initiative in this matter. Copies of their replies are enclosed herein. I shall be grateful if you will kindly place these opinions before the President and the Education Minister, Government of India, as also the Notes by me before his Excellency Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras with my request that he may be graciously pleased to start his regime in Madras with this momentous task which, if completed, during his tenure of office, will, I am sure, earn for him immortality in the annals of the Indian History.

I have addressed Hon'ble Sri B.Ramakrishna Rao, Chief Minister, Hyderabad Government, in this matter.

I shall be grateful for a line in reply.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd. ₭ S.Kesava Iyengar.

Encl: Copy of letter No.D.7677/51-A.2 dated 4-3-52 from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi, addressed to Prof. S.Kesava Iyengar, Retired Economic Adviser, Hyderabad Govt.

Sub: RESUSCITATION OF VIJAYANAGAR

In continuation of this Ministry letter No.D.7677/51 A.2 dated 4th January 1952, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that the Government of India have considered your proposal regarding reconstruction of major archaeological assets as far as the 'protected' monuments are concerned. It is observed that the reconstruction of any monument is against the accepted policy of the Government. The monuments at Hampi are protected and maintained by the Department of Archaeology according to archaeological principle. As regards your other proposals they are primarily the concern of the State Governments of Madras and Hyderabad and it would be advisable if you approach them in the matter.

(Sd. Under Secretary.

Copy of letter dated 26-2-52 from the President of India, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, addressed to Prof. S.Kesava Iyengar.

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated December 12, 1951 and to state in reply that the question regarding the beautification of the site referred to is one which can best be taken up with the Government of the Madras State. So far as the ancient monuments are concerned they are already being protected by the Archaeological Department of the Government of India.

(Sd) Balakrishna.

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Copy of reply dated 21-3-52 from the Secretary to H.E. the Governor of Madras to Professor S.Vesava Iyengar, "Seetha Manohari", University Road, Hyderabad (Dn) India.

Dear Sir,

I am to acknowledge with thanks your letter of 15th March 1952 and the copy of the "Hyderabad Government Bulletin on Economic Affairs" sent with it and to say that the suggestions made therein regarding the monuments in Madras would receive the consideration of the Government.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd. H. Sambamurti)

(True copies)

Superintendent,
Governor's Secretariat

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Resuscitation of "Vijayanagar".

Apl-4 cf — From the Governor's Secretary, Endt. X.N.Dis. No. Nil dt. 21.3.52.

The correspondence in the cf. on pages 1-4 cf and the article entitled "Resuscitation of Vijayanagar" by Sri. S. Kesava Iyengar on pp. 686-687 cf the Hyderabad Government Bulletin on Economic Affairs may be perused. In this article, Sri. Kesava Iyengar has made certain suggestions (vide items (a) to (g) on p. 687 of the Bulletin) regarding the reconstruction and rejuvenation of "Hampe". The Govt. of India have already informed Sri Iyengar that the reconstruction of the protected monuments at the place is against the accepted principle, that they are being maintained according to the archaeological principle and that the Govts of Madras & Hyderabad may be addressed on the other suggestions. The suggestions in other items ~~(a) to (f) and (h) to (g) are~~ appear to be for consideration in the PWD. for orders whether the file may be transferred to that department for necessary action.

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Please see Edn. Deptt. note on p. 1 ante and the Editorial note referred to at pp.686-687 of the journal below regarding resuscitation of Vijayanagar.

2. So far as this State is concerned the author wants an alround development of the area near Hampi which is a few miles down the Tungabhadra dam site and which is now deserted due to havoc caused by Malaria. The suggestions of the author are -

(a) to develop the Vijayanagar University.

(b) to decorate the whole area with fountains and flood-lights along the river-streams and temples.

(c) to extend the Vijayanagar gardens to cover the Hydro electric spots.

(d) to improvise bathing pools.

(e) to develop the aerodrome at Gingera

(f) Reconstruction of all the major archaeological assets. and

(g) Establishment of modern towns and farms according to plans to house and facilitate the local ryots and visitors.

3. The Govt. of India have given a reply to the author with reference to (f) and Edn. Deptt. have transferred the case to this Deptt. on the presumption that other suggestions are for consideration in this deptt. This is not correct. Item (a) is obviously for Edn. Item (b) and (c) should come under public parks and gardens. (The Electricity Deptt. which is a commercial Deptt. cannot be expected to maintain any large gardens) The subject Public gardens and parks are not allotted to the Public Works Department in the business rules but Zoological gardens find a place in it under the Edn. Deptt. Either Health or Edn. Deptt. seem to be concerned with the question of provision of parks and gardens (item (b) and (c)) and Health Deptt. for bathing pools item (d). Item (g) Establishment of towns farms etc.;

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will presumably come under town planning in Health Deptt or under Colonisation in Devt. P & D and this Deptt. is not concerned with these. It is not clear whether under item (g) the author also wants facilities to be provided to accommodate visitors to Humpi. This is an important tourist centre and necessary accommodation exists in the P.W.D. Circuit House, at the Tungabhadra Dam site. The furnishing of the Circuit house has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.15,000 with a view to give facility to foreign tourists who may visit the Humpi ruins and the Tungabhadra Dam. No action is called for in the matter.

Anti-malaria operations which is a prerequisite for such development of the area is a matter for consideration in Health Department.

After orders are passed the case may be returned to Edn. Deptt.

Hence at p2 ante [(a) X on p68 of the bulletin below] – No information is available regarding Guigira aerodrome ~~forms part of this State~~. However the improvement of this airport is a matter for consideration by the Industries Dept.

This dept. is not concerned. Even in the case of civil works, the concerned depts. of the Secty. take the necessary action up to the stage of obtaining orders in circulation. Only final orders are issued in this dept., if the case is debitable to Civil works budget.

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The notes of the P.W.D. on pages 2-3 ante may be perused.

Item (1) onp. 2 ante :- There is, at present, no University at Vijayanagar. The idea is apparently to start a University at the place. This seems to be one of the question in the existing financial circumstances. no action should be taken on this point.

The question of starting a separate Univ. for Rayalaseema is being separate

Items (b) & (c) onp. 2 ante :- Though this Dept. are concerned with Zoos & Zoological gardens, the subject "Public Gardens & Parks" is not one allotted for this Dept. Health may offer their remarks for this item, if they are concerned with it.

2. Health and Edn. may see for remarks on the other items.

Items (b) (c) & (g) on 2 ante
& item (g) on 3 ante

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Item (1) above.

The question of starting a separate University for Rayalaseema is being agitated, & the Concerned G.O. has been issued

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Health Dept.

Health Dept.

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Memo (Ex)

The article by Sri. Narasa Iyengar "Resuscitation of Vijayanagar" at pp 686-687 of the Hyderabad Govt. Bulletin Publication on Tenancy Affairs and the 'multi purpose' aim may be perused.

2) Unless the resuscitation of Vijayanagar as put forward by Sri. N. Iyengar is accepted in principle either by some body or other concerned namely the State Govts. or the India Govt. there seems to be no point in framing whether there should be a university at the place or whether anti-malarial operations should be started or whether there should be parks and gardens and flood-lights etc.

3) With regard to the planning of anti-malarial operations in the place via which this dept. is concerned in a general way, it may be remarked that the planning of anti-malarial operations round about ruins and derelict places must naturally wait till the dept. has dealt with all populous places like municipal towns and panchayat areas, unless it be a plan like the present one of Sri. Narasa Iyengar demands the planning of such operations. This Dept is not concerned with "Public gardens and Parks".

Parks & Gardens are for L.A. — I believe 16/6/52

4) With these remarks the file may be returned to Edn. passed on to Development Dept. / L.A.

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towns which have been cursed by God & Man & left to desolation. If they are destined to revive, somebody will discover some mineral nearby & they will flourish again. Let all the dead cities remain as ancient monuments, undefiled by the ugliness of modernism.

SRK

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L.A. Deptt

The file has been formally sent to this Deptt with reference to the suggestion of Sri S. Kesava Iyengar to extend the Vijayanagar Gardens and to decorate the whole area with fountains etc. Health have passed on the file with the remark that parks and gardens are for L.A. Deptt.

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pb 8/7 to be pointed. Selection.

This Deptt deals with matters relating to mel parks. Construction and maintenance of parks are kept to the amenities to be provided by the local body concerned and the Govt do not usually give grants-in-aid for the purpose. It is however unnecessary to examine these details at present before the ambitious Scheme drawn by for the resuscitation of Vijayanagar is accepted in principle.

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23/6/52 with this file has been sent to the Dept. with reference to "Amendments to Rules and forms" [illegible]

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The file deals with the article of Sri N. Ikesara Iyengar "Resuscitation of Vijayanagar" published in pages 686-687 of the Hyderabad Govt. Bulletin on Economic Affairs. The following are the suggestions made in that article:-

(1) Development of Vijayanagar University

(2) Decoration of the whole area with fountains, and flood lights along the river, streams & temples.

(3) Extension of the Vijayanagar gardens to cover the Hydro electric spots.

(4) Improvising of bathing ghats.

(5) Development of the aerodrome at Gingera.

(6) Reconstruction of all major archaeological assets, &

(7). Establishment of modern towns and farms according to plans to house and facilitate the local rally at Island visitors.

2. The question of starting a University in Rayalaseema is being considered separately. The Govt. of India have already informed Sri Kesava Iyengar that the reconstruction of the protected monuments at Vijayanagar is against the accepted principle, namely, to maintain the monuments in the condition in which they were taken over by the Archaeological department. The development of the aerodrome in Gingera is a matter for consideration by the Government of India.

3. The Health, L.A. and Devt. Depts. have been consulted in regard to the new suggestions, namely, those in items (2) to (4) and (7). The former dept. considers that it is no use trying to revive towns which have been cursed by God & Man & kept to desolation and that all the dead cities may remain as ancient monuments. The L.A. Dept. are of the view that it will be futile to embark on the suggestions. The Devt. have noted that the suggestion in item (7) does not come under colonisation.

4. In the circumstances, it is for orders whether Sri Kesava Iyengar may be informed that the question of establishing a University in Rayalaseema is under the consideration of Government and that it is not worthwhile to consider the other suggestions.

No. See below

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The proposal to establish a University in Rayalaseema for which there has been popular agitation is different from the suggestion here, which

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Which is that the Vijaya-nagar University should be developed. Even if the proposed University for Rayalaseema materializes, it is doubtful whether the Head-quarters will be at Hampi. Moreover, the Author evidently envisages not a University of the usual type but one on the model of the Viswa-bharathi. It does not appear that any action is feasible on the suggestions. In fact by giving effect to suggestions of this type, Hampi and Anegondi are likely to lose their value as Ancient Monuments.

M (Edn) of the Govt

N. Venkatasami

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Apart from the idea of a University the scheme is impracticable. But suggestions B.C.D. 2/3/6829 (Edn) together with some simple facilities for tourists & holiday makers, and anti-malarial measures will definitely make Hampi an attractive inspiring place of historic & archaeological & natural Beauty.

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a place which is worth a visit by every College or School boy in South India. The interest of the completed Tungabhadra project will make the above improvements feasible & worthwhile.

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I don't think there is any law that prevents anyone from starting a University. Persons concerned can, if they so like, start off with a Vijayanagar or Rayalseema or any other University.

2. If however they want any financial help personal & expect others to implement their wishes, that obviously is not possible. I am fully against any Government assistance or patronage to any University whatever. Universities must support themselves.

3. Vijayanagar is of historic importance. The State should certainly make itself responsible for its preservation.

Sd/- Akasa

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Please see the orders in circulation on pages 9-10 above. For orders whether a copy of the minutes of the Governor at 'M' above may be given to 'F' Section for necessary action.

2. With reference to the minutes of M.(Edn) above, it is submitted that the suggestion to reconstruct the archaeological assets at Vijayanagar is against the accepted principle, viz; to maintain them in the same condition in which they were taken over by the Archaeological

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Department. The Bank of India have already informed Sri Kesava Iyengar (who has made this suggestion) accordingly. In the circumstances, no further action seems necessary on this suggestion.

3. As regards the other suggestions in (b), (c) & (d) on pp. 687 of the book below, the file may be sent to I.A. and Health U.O. for taking further action — Vide the minutes of M.(Edn) on pp. 9-10 ante

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The Governor's minute on page 3 of 16/9/52 Jt. Sec. 17.9.52. The previous page is of general importance especially his observations regarding aid to Universities.

M (Edn.) M (Fin) & M may see the minute

N. Srinivasan
19.9.52

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With reference to 'A' on p. 10 ante, I submit with due deference, that the Universities are & will continue to be in urgent need of financial assistance from Govt. & Govt may have to continue to assist them

K. V. Kamath
20/9/52

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CM

But we need not start new ones! C.R.

N. Subramaniam
27.9.52

This file may be closed with this

C. Rajagopalachari
30.9.52

The file may be circulated to M (Edn)

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* Items (2) to (4) on p. 7 ante

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for perusal of the minutes of C. M. [illegible] on return from Circulation. The papers may be recorded.

6.10.52

N. Sanjivayya
Hon'ble

Chief Minister

Govt. M(Edn)

M. V. Krishna Rao
12.10.52

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